

# U.S. MISSION CONAKRY- GUINEA Position Vacancy Announcement

Vacancy Announcement Number: 2016-004A

# OPEN TO All Interested Candidates/All sources

The "Open To" category listed above refers to candidates who are eligible to apply for this position. The "Open To" category should <u>not</u> be confused with a "hiring preference" which is explained later in this vacancy announcement.

POSITION Cooperative Agreement Assistant

**OPENING DATE** Wednesday, November 23, 2016

CLOSING DATE Wednesday, December 07, 2016

WORK HOURS Full-time; 40 hours per week

**GRADE/SALARY** Ordinarily Resident (OR): FSN-08; (95,707,909 GNF Per Annun).

Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): FP-06\* (46,093 USD Per Annun). \*Final grade/step for NORs will be determined by Washington.

ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT (OR) APPLICANTS (See Appendix A for definition) MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

The U.S. Mission in Conakry, Guinea is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the position of Cooperative Agreement Assistant in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) office.

## **BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION**

The Cooperative Agreement Assistant serves under the supervision of the Cooperative Agreements Manager and provides support and assistance to the management of Cooperative Agreements and maintenance of the Cooperative Agreement (COAG) database. Job holder is responsible for managing COAG database, tracking and updating CDC grantees financial information, managing general COAG information in the CDC Procurement and Grants HHS standards, and tracking and recording numerous COAG communications. Job holder provides support and coordination with appropriate program and external grantee staff for all cooperative agreement actions, including operational and fiscal management assistance, planning and scheduling meetings and conferences, typing and distributing minutes of meetings, and facilitating COAG logistics for grantee trainings and meetings. The incumbent independently draft correspondence and routine documents with minimal input from supervisor. He/She uses established software programs to enter data to the Cooperative Agreement Database. He/She keeps supervisors apprised of approachin deadlines for all

cooperative agreement activities of the Procurement and Grants Office (PGO) in Atlanta. Job holder assists in grants management portfolio of 4 - 10 grantees and value of USD \$16 million.

## **QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

Applicants must address each required qualification listed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item. Failure to do so may result in a determination that the applicant is not qualified.

#### 1. EDUCATION:

Bachelor's degree or equivalent degree in public administration, public health, international development, business administration, economics, sociology, management or finance is required.

# 2. EXPERIENCE:

Three years of progressively responsible administrative management experience in a public health or international development program that includes administrative management of acquisitions, grants, contracts or cooperative agreement documentation and reporting, files management and exposure to external clients is required.

# 3. LANGUAGE (this will be tested):

Level III (good working knowledge) speaking/reading/writing of English is required. Level III (good working knowledge) speaking/reading/writing of French is required.

# 4. KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES (this will be tested):

#### The incumbent must have:

- A detailed knowledge of overall management principles, guidelines and procedures related to the administration of cooperative agreements, as well as related audit and accounting requirements, is required.
- An in depth understanding of the structure and functions of the CDC's role and functions in supporting of Ebola and other public health efforts response is required.
- The job holder must also have a detailed knowledge of the host country operational environment, including a good understanding of host government laws and regulations regarding public health-related implementing agreements.
- A general knowledge of routine health information systems in developing countries, including knowledge of public health administrative systems is required.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

The complete position description listing all of the duties and responsibilities may be obtained on our website at <a href="http://conakry.usembassy.gov/job\_opportunities.html">http://conakry.usembassy.gov/job\_opportunities.html</a> and/or by contacting the Human Resources Office (by e-mail: Human Resources Office-ConakryHR@state.gov or Tel: +224 655 104 000.

## **SELECTION PROCESS:**

When qualified, applicants in the following hiring preference categories are extended a hiring preference in the order listed below. Therefore, it is essential that these applicants accurately

describe their status on the application. Failure to do so may result in a determination that the applicant is not eligible for a hiring preference.

## **HIRING PREFERENCE ORDER:**

- (1) AEFM / USEFM who is a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran\*
- (2) AEFM / USEFM
- (3) FS on LWOP\*\*

\* IMPORTANT: Applicants who claim status as a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran must submit a copy of the most recent Member Copy Four (4) of the DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, and, if applicable, a letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. If claiming conditional eligibility for U.S. Veterans' preference, applicants must submit proof of conditional eligibility. If the written documentation confirming eligibility is not received in the HR office by the closing date of the vacancy announcement, the U.S. Veterans' preference will not be considered in the application process. Mission HR's decision on eligibility for U.S. Veterans' preference after reviewing all required documentation is final.

\*\* This level of preference applies to all Foreign Service employees on LWOP.

# **ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- 1. Management may consider the following when determining successful candidacy: nepotism, conflicts of interest, budget, and residency status.
- 2. Current OR employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply. Current OR employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report (EPR) are not eligible to apply.
- 3. Current NOR employees hired on a Family Member Appointment (FMA) or a Personal Service Agreement (PSA) are not eligible to apply within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless they have a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
- 4. The candidate must be able to obtain and hold a local security certification.
- **5.** Candidates who are EFMs, USEFMs, AEFMs, or MOHs must have at least one year remaining on their sponsor's tour of duty to be considered eligible to apply for this position.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Applicants must submit the following documents to be considered:

• Universal Application for Employment (UAE) (Form DS-174), which is available on our website or by contacting Human Resources. (See "For Further Information" above).

#### WHERE TO APPLY:

Management **Office** U.S. Embassy Conakry, Human Recourse Office

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 603

Transversale N0.2

Centre Administratif de Koloma

Commune de Ratoma

Conakry, République de Guinée

**Tel Number**: +224 655 104 000

E-mail Address: ConakryHR@state.gov

**Application Box:**Application may be delivered to U.S Embassy,

Transversale N0.2

Centre Administratif de Koloma

Commune de Ratoma

Conakry, République de Guinée

The application box is located outside the Embassay Main Entrance.

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** The U.S. Mission provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs. The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

# Appendix A - DEFINITIONS

<u>Eligible Family Member (EFM):</u> An EFM for employment purposes is defined an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen or not a U.S. Citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610); or
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term "child" shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchild, adopted child, and a child under legal guardianship of employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner when such child is expected to be under legal guardianship until 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian; or
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of employee, spouse, or samesex domestic partner, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support; or
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support; and
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and
- Is under chief of mission authority.

<u>U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM):</u> A USEFM is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee;
  or
- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or

- stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and resides at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and is under chief of mission authority; **or**
- resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2; or
- Currently receives a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

# <u>Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM):</u> An AEFM is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee;
  or
- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT); and
- Is under chief of mission authority; and
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and
- Does NOT currently receive a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

# Member of Household (MOH): A MOH is an individual who meets all of the following criteria.

- A MOH is someone who accompanies or joins a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and
- A MOH must be officially declared to the COM by the sponsoring employee as part of his/her household; and
- A MOH is under COM authority;
- A MOH may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative, or adult child;
- A MOH may or may not be a U.S. Citizen;
- A MOH is **not** an EFM;
- A MOH is not listed on the travel orders or approved Form F-126 of a sponsoring employee.

# **Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR)** – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- An EFM, USEFM or AEFM of a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
- Has diplomatic privileges and immunities; and
- Is eligible for compensation under the FS or GS salary schedule; and
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN); and
- Is not a citizen of the host country; and
- Does not ordinarily reside in the host country; and
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws.

# **Ordinarily Resident (OR)** – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- A citizen of the host country; or
- A non-citizen of the host country (including a U.S. citizen or a third-country national) who is locally resident and has legal and/or permanent resident status within the host country and/or who is a holder of a non-diplomatic visa/work and/or residency permit; and/or
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.